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WHAT WILL YOU MAKE?





### Episode Three: Mystery on Mount Everest

PURSUED BY AN ANGRY YETI, JOHNNY THUNDER AND FRIENDS RACE FOR THE HIDDEN TEMPLE ATOP MOUNT EVEREST! BUT CAN THEY CROSS THE ROPE BRIDGE BEFORE THE YETI CATCHES THEM?

IT LOOKS  
DANGEROUS,  
JOHNNY!

Not as  
DANGEROUS AS THAT  
YOU BEHIND US!

YOU'RE RIGHT!  
WE HAVE THE ANSWER!

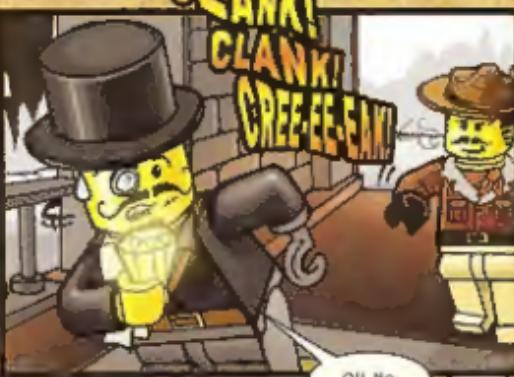
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MISS PIPPI'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE YEN AT [WWW.LEGO.COM/PIPPY](http://WWW.LEGO.COM/PIPPY)

KILROY!  
TIE A ROPE TO A  
ROCK AND FIRE IT TO  
ME WITH THE HARPOON  
— GUNNAR

WHOOPS!  
THEY JUST DON'T  
MAKE THESE OLD, RICKETY  
HIMALAYAN ROPE BRIDGES  
LIKE THEY USED TO!

Henry  
Johnson







**NEXT: THE HUNT FOR THE GOLDEN DRAGON!**

 you can build this

## Creepy, Crawly Critter

Scare your sister! Bug your kid brother! When it comes to Frightening Friends and Family, this six-legged stinger is a real humdinger!

1



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3



4



5



6



7



Final step



You can build this scorpion using pieces from the LEGO® Wild Collection (4101) or your own pile of LEGO parts.





# ROBOTS IN... THE ULTIMATE BOT!

TRAPPED INSIDE THEIR SECRET MOUNTAIN LAB, THE ROBONOTS ARE HARD AT WORK ON THEIR LATEST CREATION...

NO, NO, THAT GOES THERE!

WHO TOOK ALL THE ORANGE PIECES?

OUCH! WATCH IT!

THEIR GOAL: TO BUILD THE ULTIMATE ROBOT!

THEY MAYBE IT WILL HELP US ESCAPE FROM THIS LAB!

THE ROBONOTS ONLY HAVE ONE SMALL PROBLEM...

WHERE'S THE BEAD?

WHY IT'S WAY UP THERE!

OH GREAT! HOW AM I GOING TO GET IT DOWN?

...ORB-EEL MARK IV!

WOW, I THINK WE'VE REALLY MADE A CONNECTION.

WE NEED THE BIG GUY, ROBONOTS, UNITE!

# Zappo

IN A FLASH, THE ROBONOTS COMBINE THEIR FORMS TO CREATE...

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST STAY LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME!



# Fwoooos!

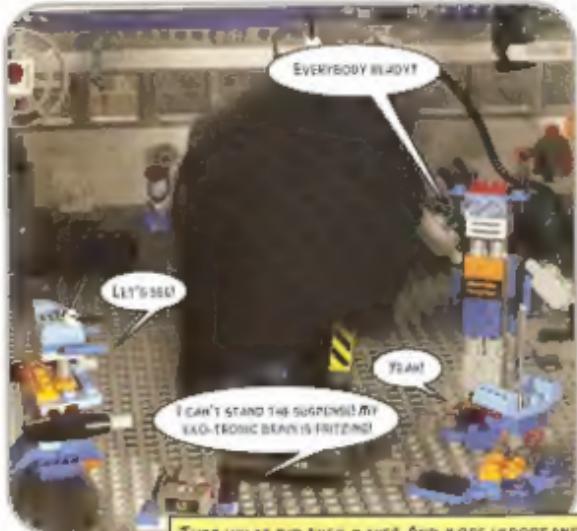
HERE OUR ULTIMATE BOT IS DONE!

...AND SMART ENOUGH TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET US THE HECK OUT OF HERE!

IT HAS TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO BUST THROUGH 200 TONS OF ROCK...

No, thanks. Reindeer have no pizza!





JUST WHAT DID THEY MAKE? AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT WILL YOU MAKE?  
READ ON TO FIND OUT HOW YOU COULD BUILD YOUR OWN ULTIMATE BOT AND WIN!



## new product review

### All LEGO Designer Sets Feature:

- A special Idea Book packed with alternative models and step-by-step plans
- Unique new colors and pieces
- Moving elements that bring your models to life
- Three levels of building—Quick, Experienced and Advanced—to challenge the whole family!

 you can build this

Every LEGO® Designer Set includes an Idea Book filled with fun projects for every LEGO® builder in your family - from beginner to advanced!



4096  
Micro Wheels



4097  
Microbots



4098  
High Flyers



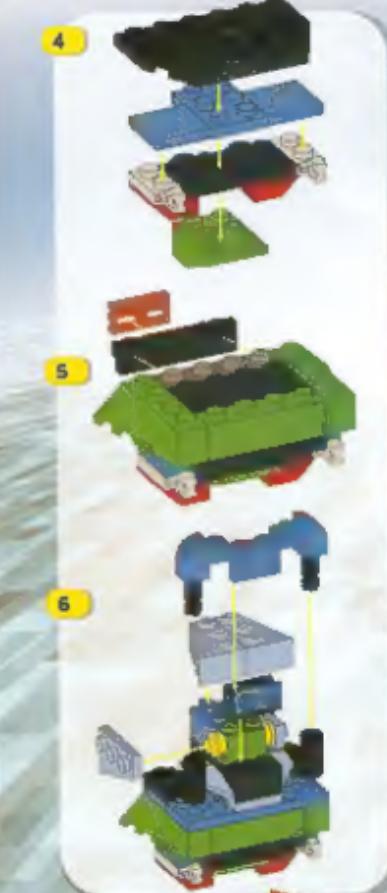
4099  
Robots



4100  
Maximum Wheels

# Build a Bugbot!

What do you get when you cross a bunch of rowdy robots with some crazy creatures? Mechanical animals? Or androids with bugs in their programming? These plans combine parts from LEGO Robobots (4099) and the LEGO Wild Collection (4101). For a model that will really challenge your building skills. But if you follow the steps carefully, you'll discover a Bugbot in that pile of bricks!



4101  
Wild Collection

7



8



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4401  
Little Creations



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Final  
step

## What Will You Make?

A Bird-Mobile?  
A Robo-Copter?

With six different LEGO Designer Sets, the building possibilities never end. And neither does the fun!

# let's go to mars

## THE ASTROBOT DIARIES

Hell We're the LEGO Astrobots and we're getting ready to go where no bing robot has ever gone before... Mars!

After months of training classes and flight simulations, we're ready for lift off!

We'll crawl right alongside the Mars rovers and give you an inside look at how a spacecrat works.

Once we're there, we'll ride the rovers as they examine martian rocks, dunes, and craters with 3D cameras, scraping tools and other cool scientific instruments. Our goal—to help you learn more about Mars.

We'll also be dropping off a special DVD that includes the names of almost four million citizens of Earth. It's our gift to Mars and we're very proud to help deliver it.

So look for our scientific observations in upcoming issues of LEGO Magazine, or visit [www.LEGO.com/discovery](http://www.LEGO.com/discovery) to check out our detailed Astrobot diary.

The Astrobots are part of The Planetary Society's Red Rover Goes to Mars project, done in partnership with the LEGO Company.



7495 Mission to Mars



7468 Saturn V Moon Mission



## LEGO Club Member Exclusive

Be the first astronaut on your block to build a replica of the Saturn V rocket that carried the Apollo astronauts to the moon!

The Saturn V was the largest rocket ever used, and the only one powerful enough to transport its astronaut crew all the way to the moon and back. This detailed set includes the booster rocket, lunar lander, and lunar vehicle so you can land, collect your share of moon rocks then reconnect to the orbiting service module for the voyage back to Earth.



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# GALIDOR

DEFENDERS OF THE OTHER DIMENSION

Challenge a  
Friend to...

## ARBOLEAN PURSUIT!



activity

**START**

HIGHLANDS-OF-ARBO

MOVE TO ANY SPACE IN THE HIGHLANDS-OF-ARBO

ARTSIDO CAVERNS

BRIDGE TO ARTSIDO SANCTUARY  
FROM POWER BRIDGE TO GATE

YOUNG WINE

ARTSIDO VILLAGE GATE  
POWER BRIDGE

ARTSIDO SWAMP

MOVE TO ANY SPACE IN THE ARTSIDO SWAMP

**Some Instructions & Hints:**

1. Cut out the 8 Mission Medals and place them on the matching spaces.
2. Cut out the 2 Hero Blasters/Marbles and place them at the starting point.
3. Take turns rolling a 10-sided die and moving your blaster/medal indicated. Roll two 10-sided dice and add the total of both on your first turn in regular order. Encourage your friend to roll next. You must move in your chosen direction until you reach the last space.
4. You must gather one of each of the four different Mission medals you can collect in the Artsoido Sanctuary. To collect a Mission medal you must land on it by exact count. Beware of the Green spaces.
5. The first player to collect four different Mission Medals and reach the last flag wins.



Nick Bluebeard



Arbo Police



Neon City Riders



Amphib

It was a September day in the middle of a long, Indian summer. Editor-in-chief Rintaro flipped through the pages of the employees' newspaper, LEGO Life and chanced upon a photo with a Japanese-looking young man with the caption "From Tokyo to Billund – on a bicycle" on the last page of the newspaper. This young man, Tatsuki Watase, was the person who arrived in LEGOLAND in Denmark after travelling the distance of 16,000 km from Tokyo on a bicycle. What? Rintaro definitely wanted to see him, and she immediately contacted Mr. Watase through the person in charge at LEGO Life. Watase was invited to visit the headquarters of LEGO Japan one sunny afternoon.

**Editor-in-Chief Rintaro (R):** First of all, why did you make the trip by bike?

**Mr. Watase (W):** When I was backpacking in South America during my college sophomore year, I met a friend guy at the border between Ecuador and Peru travelling on a bicycle. I saw him riding his bike so cool along the desolate area of the border and said to myself: "This is it! This is the way to travel!"

R: And, were you going to get to LEGOLAND someday?

W: Yes (laughing). After I came back to Japan from my one-year trip to New Zealand, I started to think "For the trip and visit AP in June 2008." When you determined to travel to LEGOLAND in Denmark from the beginning?

W: LEGOLAND was my destination in my case, but I also wanted to see Anglic West and Neptun - I wanted to see the world.

R: If I ask you what you felt in detail later - but don't you feel like giving up and returning home at any stage of your trip?

W: Well, yes, immediately when I entered into China (Beijing). When I looked at the map, I was shocked to see how far it was to Germany (Braunschweig). I panicked because China was just so big. I said, "Could you tell us about a typical city?"

W: I got up before sunrise, rode for about 6 hours and then arrived to reach an urban area by 3 o'clock where I could find a place to stay in Chengdu, Sichuan. I stopped there for a short while, so many as 30 people would come and gather around me and talk to me all at once. I couldn't understand their language and as such couldn't speak to anyone. However, there was always someone who was able to speak a little English. And whenever I spoke to such a person the answer was always "This is the first time a Japanese person has passed through the area. Why don't you walk here while I give my grandmother?" And he would actually bring his grandmother to see me in spite of their poverty. They refused to take 5 yen or 10 yen for the cost of my dinner and said, "We don't need it. Help in travel!" I think I was able to keep going until because I received such kindness from those wonderful people.

R: How were able to make progress then, by超越ing a lot of people's Anxieties, to speak. Talking about nourishment, did you experience any difficulty with finding or eating food?

W: I never had trouble getting food, but prices can vary high in Europe. It took me three months to cycle from Turkey to the Netherlands, and I had to carry provisions for two and a half months to save money. There were many days when I only ate bread, and with the menu hours in the toilet! I could feel that I was beginning to suffer from my poor diet!

R: What country impressed you most?

W: India. That country is great! It's exciting in the beginning, but there were so many people there, and they all look vigorous. The more you go to India, the more different people you would discover. I almost had an impression that if we could sort out the people in this world, it would be India where we could meet all the human characteristics. I want to go there again. Everyone is serious about restoration in Asia. When I was in Vietnam, people said "Hello, hello" and waved their hands at me from the roads. There were about 100 times a day when I waved back. I could see them waving their hands at me. From Far away (laughing). Also, the Indians challenged me with their bicycles. If I cycled faster, they definitely picked up speed and seems to be (laughing). Other highlights included meeting a kangaroo, elephant seeing garbage in Sri Lanka and climbing up to a height of \$400 m above sea level in Nepal. The world really changes when you reach \$400 m. When one winds stop, it becomes a world of social silence. The cities are as blue and the mountains are extremely large. All you can hear is the sound of your heart beating.

Looking at a photo, we were always wearing a LEGO T-shirt.

W: That's right. The shirt was really fogged in the end. When people in China asked my where I was going, I pointed to my T-shirt, and people couldn't recognize it and name of some country. But people started to recognize the name from around the time I entered Turkey.

R: I take off my hat to you. You were a moving billboard!

W: Although I didn't mean to do my advertising.

R: What happened when you finally reached LEGOLAND?

W: When I started my bicycle and was taking some pictures, a member of staff came out and told me not to leave the park there. So I told him that I came from Japan by bicycle, and he said "Wow, that's amazing" and told me to follow him. He took me to a place that looked like an office, where I was surrounded by security guards. I told them, "This was my dream and I'm extremely happy," and I asked them to write "Dream" on the last piece of the banner, which I had used to write the names of other countries. I met Bill crying by then.

R: I suppose the staff were surprised?

W: After that, one of the staff wrote "Free Pass" on a piece of paper (laughing) and said I could enter the park with it. When I took it with me the next day, they said the manager wanted to see me, and I was called to his office.

R: And the interview of that time was published in LEGO Life.

W: They took me to the LEGO shop later, and said I could have anything I wanted. So I said "I wanted everything. Then, they said "You, you take it free" (laughing). They also gave me three LEGOLAND catalogues - one for my mother for my grandmother, and another for myself. They allowed me around the place after that. Everyone working at LEGOLAND looked happy. I told them that I wanted to work there.

R: You took an airplane when you came back to Japan, right? What do you do everyday now?

W: I paint, I like parks in neighborhoods, and I play with LEGO bricks. I've been building a climbing wall using LEGO bricks. For my beloved dog, which died while I was away, I thought he wouldn't feel lonely if I made the wall with LEGO bricks.

R: What do you think was the purpose of the journey you just completed?

W: I have tried to think about it over and over again. I have been thinking, and I guess I probably wanted to measure the size of the earth on my own pace.

R: So, looking back, do you think that you took the right route in the right way?

W: I think so. I developed my own rhythm. I suppose when I set off with on my bike in the morning, it was always dark, and I felt lonely and somewhat upset and sore, but the sun comes up from gradually, and I started to smell the forest, which made me feel excited. It is so felt great when people were nice to me. I also felt terrible when trucks almost drove me off the road, but even that was part of the experience, I'm glad I was.

R: What did you feel the most happy about when you came back to Japan?

W: I could understand what the people around me were saying. Who was the first person you saw after you came back?

W: My mother!

R: What did you wear to eat first after you come back to Japan?

W: Gyoza (a type of rice wrapped with seasoned beef) (laughing).

R: What LEGO elements do you like most?

W: The little bricks.

R: Lastly, tell us about your next challenge.

W: I will go to another LEGOLAND (laughing). I will go anywhere as a moving billboard. But I want to come next time I'll ride a dog, or something else.

**Update:** Watase Tatsuki now works for LEGO Japan.



"The LEGO figure riding a bike was a present from someone I met on the Internet who thought it would be nice to have the LEGO figure travel with the people he became friends with along the way."

**Left:** Right On the City Bus in Bangkok, Thailand, wearing the LEGO T-shirt.  
**Middle:** The rugged LEGO biker, although Watanabe had complicated feelings for the shirt, he always kept it at LEGOLAND as a proof of completion of his journey.



**Right:** Watanabe and his family (left to right) his wife, Yuko, his son, Shota, his daughter, LEGO Minnie, and his godson, son from Mr. Minase. In September 2002, with the family, for several days, Watanabe's visiting another LEGO Park in Tokyo, Japan. Right: Watanabe in front of the Indian Minnie family home. This bicycle was a gift from a friend.



This was the route between Tokyo and Billund! Watanabe visited 17 countries in 15 months after he left Japan. Some national borders were closed due to the terrorist attacks in September 2001, and he was forced to travel by airplanes and trains sometimes.



## From Tokyo to Billund – on a bicycle



Watanabe is a Japanese man who has traveled around the world on a bicycle. He has visited 17 countries in 15 months since he left Japan. He has written a book about his travels, "GOAL! LEGO Around the World," which is published in Japan. He has also written an article for the LEGO Internal newspaper, LEGO Life, where Watanabe was introduced. According to him, the photo on the upper left (color photo) shows the Minnie's Land at LEGOLAND using his hand. It seems that he has traveled quite far within LEGOLAND to complete his "GOAL!"

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At the entrance to the LEGO Japan Headquarters, with the background of colorful model sets of the Japanese islands. He is entering the station with the members of the association visited by the Japanese because many cities or towns country he visited. Here holding a LEGO figure which was a souvenir from LEGO Japan. We also asked him to take LEGO Figures and LEGO books with his future input!



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